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Dear Ed,

I am sure that by now you have received a letter from the Commandant expressing his thanks for your sterling performance in our auditorium on 9 June. Please let me add my own thanks to his.

As a working stiff here, I have an opportunity to speak to many members of the student body and the faculty, and they have all been uniformly high in their praise of your lecture. I am particularly sensitive to and interested in the student reaction because these officers are at a highly critical point in their careers, and the impressions that they receive of the speakers representing the different areas of our government as well as the information which these speakers present strongly influence their attitudes and efficiency in their future jobs. Most of them have had little contact with the Washington merry-go-round or even with higher staffs. Their schooling here is the first step for many from smaller unit command and staff jobs, and, if their natural suspicion of "those people" who have been giving them orders in their former assignments, becomes tempered with the knowledge that the decisions are being made by reasonable and efficient men who have to balance their judgments with many considerations, they have taken a long step toward getting adjusted to the requirements of their future jobs.

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Suzzy joins me in sending best wishes to you and yours with an extra-special amount of our best to [REDACTED]

Yours truly,

Bill

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